

ABSTRACTHIERARCHICAL DATA EXTRACTION

5 A computer implemented method is provided for
extracting hierarchical data from one or more tables in a
database, the method comprises firstly receiving user input
identifying, one or more tables in the database that
contain the hierarchical data and the hierarchical
10 structure of the hierarchical data. A Structured Query
Language (SQL) statement is then generated using the user
input received. The SQL statement is presented to the
database for execution and the hierarchical data are then
extracted from the database in response to the execution of
15 the SQL statement.

(Figure 6)